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THE SALAMANDER THREAT DRAWS NEAR.....!!

LEAFA?

HUH?

I WANT YOU TO SUPPORT ME, AS A HEALER.

BUT COULD YOU JUST SUPPORT ME HERE?

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOUR SKILL IN USING SWORDS...

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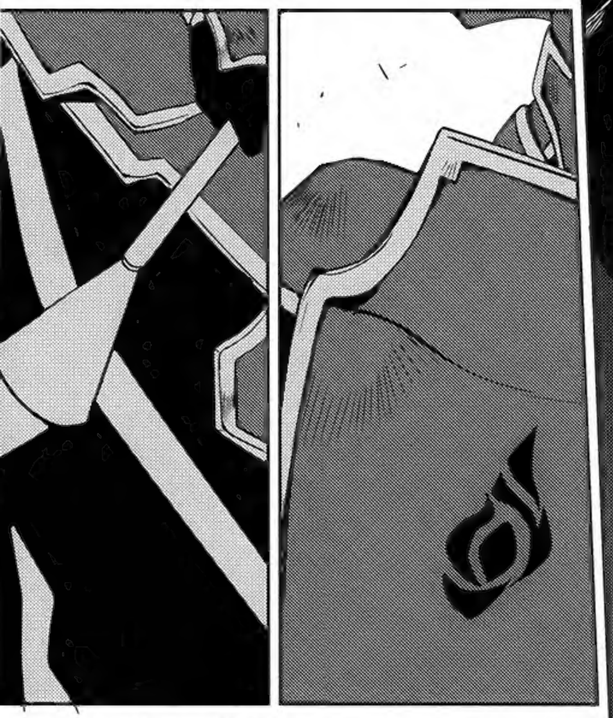
...

NOD

OKAY.

AND THAT WAY, I CAN FIGHT HOWEVER I WANT...



A SHIELD IN THEIR RIGHT HANDS, AND A MACE IN THEIR LEFT...

IS EVERY-ONE IN THEIR FRONT LINE A SOUTHPAW? OR...

THEY WITHSTOOD KIRITO'S FIRST BLOW?!

BUT THEN...

KIRITO-KUN!!

Kirito

Kirito

THIS GROUP KNOWS HOW KIRITO ATTACKS.

THEY KNOW HE PUTS TREMENDOUS PHYSICAL FORCE BEHIND HIS STRIKES AND HAVE PREPARED COUNTER-MEASURES.../

Kirito

THE THREE HEAVILY ARMORED FIGHTERS IN THE FRONT DO NOT ATTACK DIRECTLY, BUT FOCUS ON USING THEIR MASSIVE SHIELDS TO PROTECT THEIR BODIES.

SOME FOCUS ON HEALING THE FRONT LINE,

THE OTHER ONE ARE ALL RACES.

WHILE THE REST USE ARCED FIRE MAGIC TO ATTACK.

THIS IS A FORMATION DESIGNED TO DEFEAT PHYSICAL-ATTACKING BOSSES.

BUT WHY WOULD THEY BRING SO MANY PEOPLE

TO ATTACK ME AND KIRITO?

...I GET IT.

—IT'S USELESS.

ANY DAMAGE KIRITO CAN INFLICT ON THE FRONT LINE WILL SOON BE HEALED BY THE MAGES.

WHOO-AAHH!

AND THAT PROCESS WILL CONTINUE

THE REMAINING MAGES WILL STRIKE HIM WITH THEIR MAGIC.

INDIVIDUAL TECHNIQUE IS IRRELEVANT.

I HATE THIS PATTERNED COMBAT...

BUT WHICH WILL WIN OUT IS CLEAR.

UNTIL EITHER THE MAGES' MP OR KIRITO'S HP RUNS DRY.

IT'S JUST A BATTLE OF NUMBERS,

PLAYED OUT THROUGH THE GAME SYSTEM.

Kirito

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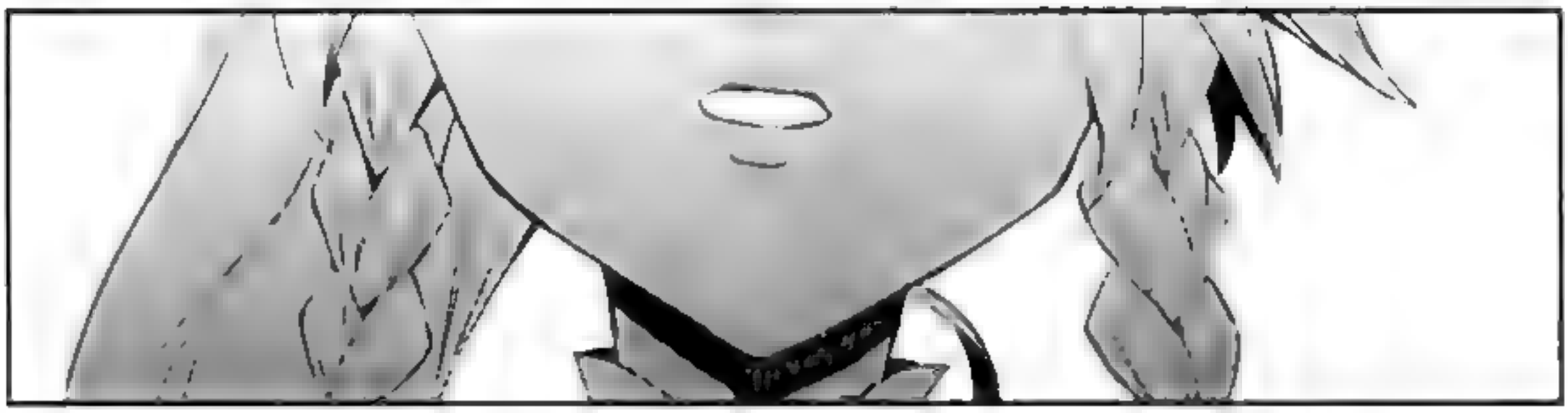
ENOUGH, KIRITO-KUN.



CLENCH

...WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SPEND A FEW HOURS OUR FLY FROM SYLVAIN.

I HATE LOSING.

BUT THERE'S SOME THINGS YOU CAN'T DO WITHIN THE SYSTEM.

ANY ITEMS WE LOSE TO THE DEATH PENALTY, WE CAN ALWAYS REBUY.

THIS IS JUST A GAME.

I CAN'T JUST.

AND BESIDES SO PLEASE,

I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH YOU BE WOUNDED AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN, KIRITO-KUN!

JUST GIVE UP...!!

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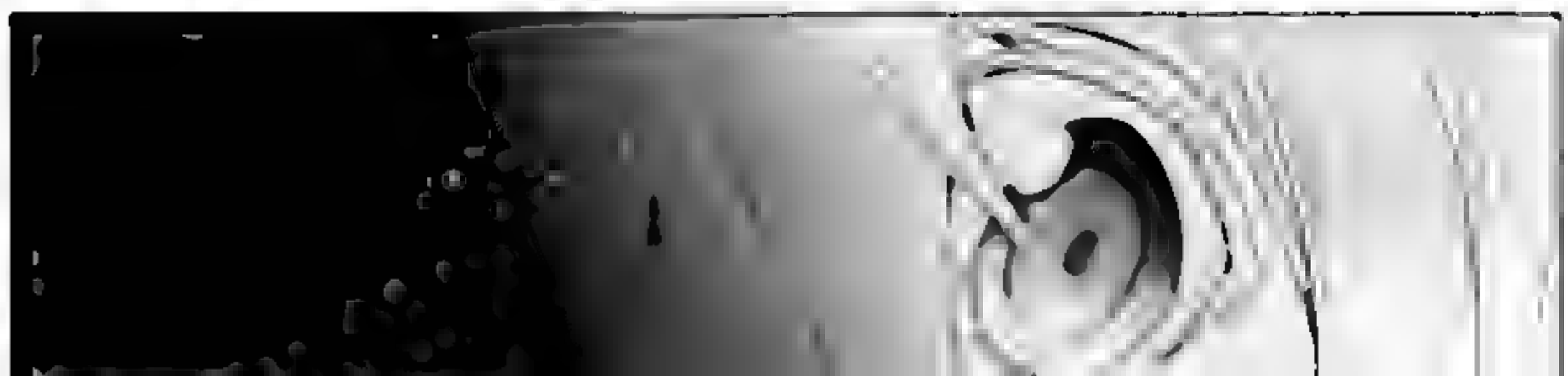

SO LONG AS I STILL DRAW BREATH, NO PARTY MEMBER OF MINE SHALL DIE.

THAT WILL NEVER,

EVER HAPPEN.

OOOHHH
HHHHHH!

OHHH
HHH!

OHHHH

...
KCH!!

IS JUST FOR FUN.

THIS GAME

THE SO CALLED DEATH IN THE GAME

EVERY PLAYER HAS GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO THE MOMENT OF ITS ARRIVAL.

IS JUST A FACSIMILE OF DEATH.

HOWEVER, KIRITO-KUN

IN THIS VIRTUAL WORLD!!

FIGHTS AGAINST THE SYSTEM

AND IS EARNESTLY SEEKING A PATH OF SURVIVAL...

AR GH!

WH...

WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?!

OHHH HHH!

AMAZI NG..!

MM

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE!

WHERE ONE GETS CLOSE TO HIS ENEMIES AND OVER-COMES THEIR DEFENSES WITHOUT THE USE OF MAGIC.

I'VE NEVER SEEN A FIGHTING STYLE LIKE THIS,

PLEASE, USE ALL OF YOUR REMAINING MP

TO BLOCK THEIR NEXT MAGICAL ATTACK.

THE ONLY THING I AM UNCERTAIN OF IS THE OPPOSING PLAYERS' PSYCHO-LOGICAL STATES.

CHANCE TO DO WHAT ...?

IF I DO THAT, THEN...

B-BUT,

KIRITO-KUN!

I'LL JOIN YOU,

KIRITO-KUN, I TOO...

UNTIL THE VERY END,

PAPA, NOW!

I WILL FIGHT TOO!

!

ISN'T THIS THE INCANTA-TION...

FOR ILLUSION MAGIC?!

HUH?

MAKES A PLAYER'S OUTWARD APPEARANCE BECOME THAT OF A MONSTER.

HOWEVER, THIS MAGIC IS NOT USEFUL IN COMBAT.

NOT JUST ONE'S ATTACK SKILL LEVELS, BUT EVEN THE FORM OF THE MONSTER YOU TRANSFORM INTO IS RANDOM. ONE COULD EVEN BECOME THE WEAKEST MONSTER IN THE GAME.

FURTHER-MORE, YOUR CURRENT STATUS WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THIS MAKES IT LARGELY UNSUITABLE FOR-

KIRITO-KUN!

THIS ILLUSIO-NARY MAGIC

IS...

IS THAT YOU... KIRITO-KUN?

WHAT IS THIS MONSTER...?!

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